Government of India has consistently supported a peaceful, political settlement of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka within the framework of Sri Lanka's unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty in a manner that meet the aspirations of all elements in Sri lankan society.

All party team to Bangladesh

1974. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an all Party team is likely to visit Bangladesh to get a first hand account of the alleged atrocities being committed on the Hindus as reported in the 'Hindu' dated December 6, 2001; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) A parliamentary delegation may visit Bangladesh at a mutually convenient time.

Discussion on Border Dispute with Chinese Premier

1975. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Chinese Prime Minister to India efforts were made to get clarified the position with regard to 4056 kms. Sino-Indian border disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the reaction thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) India and China seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations. We signed an agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility